

Notwithstanding any provision of law, ~~the City~~ a municipality or county may award a contract under this section in its sole discretion.

"SECTION 1.(b) This section applies to the Cities of Asheville and Raleigh and the Towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro only."

SECTION 2. Section 3 of S.L. 2009-149 reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 3. Section 2 of this act applies to the ~~City~~ Cities of Asheville, Raleigh and the City of Winston-Salem ~~Winston-Salem and the Towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro only.~~"

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law and expires June 30, 2015.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 7th day of July, 2010.

Became law on the date it was ratified.

Session Law 2010-58

S.B. 1437

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL ELECTION OF A MAYOR PRO TEMPORE BY THE HIGHLANDS TOWN BOARD.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 2.4 of the Charter of the Town of Highlands, being Chapter 519 of the Session Laws of 1991, reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 2.4. **Mayor Pro Tempore.** The Board shall elect one of its members as Mayor Pro Tempore to perform the duties of the Mayor during the Mayor's absence or disability, in accordance with general law. The Mayor Pro Tempore shall be elected by the board: (i) in the odd-numbered year at the organizational meeting following the regular municipal election, to serve until the first regular meeting in December of the next year, and (ii) in the even-numbered year at the first regular meeting in December of that year, to serve until the organizational meeting following the regular municipal election. In case of a vacancy, the board shall elect a Mayor Pro Tempore to serve the remainder of the unexpired term of that office. shall serve in such capacity until the organizational meeting following the next regular municipal election, despite the contrary provisions of G.S. 160A-70."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 7th day of July, 2010.

Became law on the date it was ratified.

Session Law 2010-59

H.B. 1736

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF LOCUST AND THE TOWNS OF NEW LONDON AND STANFIELD TO ATTACH PERSONAL PROPERTY, GARNISH WAGES, AND PLACE LIENS ON CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TO COLLECT UNPAID FEES FOR SEWER SERVICES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. A city may adopt an ordinance providing that a fee charged by the city for sewer services and remaining unpaid for a period of 90 days may be collected in any manner by which delinquent personal or real property taxes can be collected. If the ordinance states that delinquent fees may be collected in the same manner as delinquent real property taxes, the delinquent fees are a lien on the real property owned by the person contracting with the city for the service, and the ordinance shall provide for an appeals process. If a lien is placed on real property, the lien shall be valid from the time of filing in the office of the clerk of superior court of the county in which the service was provided and shall include a statement containing the name and address of the person against whom the lien is claimed, the name of the city claiming the lien, the specific service that was provided, the amount of the unpaid charge for that service, and the date and place of furnishing that service. A lien on real property is not effective against an interest in real property conveyed after the fees become delinquent if